FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ashley William J</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD [ RNR ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify					
(Last)	(Fii	rst) (	Middle)												^ belo	w)	be	low)	
RENAISSANCE HOUSE 8-20 EAST BROADWAY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2006										Pres&	CEO(GlnG	rp) & COC	(Glr	nIns)
(Street) PEMBRO HM 19, BERMU	DA	ate) (	Zip)		4. If	Amer	ndment,	Date o	of Original	Filed	(Month/Da	ay/Ye	ear)		ine) X For	or Joint/Group m filed by One m filed by Mo son	e Reporting I	erso	on .
		Tabl	e I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, o	r Ben	efici	ally Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3,			nd Secu Bene	ficially ed Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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Common Stock 05/02/					2006		F		370(1)		D	\$42	2.47 39,803		D				
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	titve Conversion Date Execution Date, ity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		n Date, ay/Year)		ransaction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ative rities ired osed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Exercisable Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount or Numbe of Title Shares		nstr. 3 nount mber	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr	nip () ect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

 $1. \ Represents \ exclusively \ shares \ withheld \ by \ the \ Issuer \ in \ respect \ of \ payment \ of \ withholding \ tax \ liability.$ 

/s/ William J. Ashley

05/04/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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